IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, an ~~a condition that~~ average ~~(~~θ_{ave}~~degree)~~ of absolute values of slope, with respect to the base plane of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface, ~~is~~ not less than 20 degrees and not more than 75 degrees, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have an absolute value of skewness, according to ~~(~~JIS B0601:2001~~)~~, of ~~the profile curve is~~ not more than 1.2 ~~for substantially any profile curve~~.

2. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface formed by a patterned layer comprising a material having a refractive index n,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, an ~~a condition that~~ average ~~(~~θ_{ave}~~degree)~~ of absolute values of slope, with respect to the base plane of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface, ~~is~~ not less than ~~(~~36 – 10n~~)~~ degrees and not more than ~~(~~86 –10n~~)~~ degrees, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have an absolute value of skewness, according to ~~(~~JIS B0601:2001~~)~~, of ~~the profile curve is~~ not more than ~~(~~n – 0.4~~) for substantially any profile curve~~.

3. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, an ~~a condition that~~ average ~~(~~θ_{ave}~~degree)~~ of absolute values of slope, with respect to the base plane of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface, ~~is~~ not less than 20 degrees and not more than 75 degrees, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have a kurtosis, according to ~~(~~JIS B0601:2001~~)~~, of ~~the profile curve is~~ not less than 1.5 and not more than 5.0 ~~for substantially any profile curve~~.

4. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface formed by a patterned layer comprising a material having a predetermined refractive index of n,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, an ~~a condition that~~ average ~~(~~θ_{ave}~~,~~ ~~degree)~~ of absolute values of slope, with respect to the base plane of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface, ~~is~~ not less than ~~(~~36 – 10n~~)~~ degrees and not more than ~~(~~86 –10n~~)~~ degrees, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have a kurtosis, according to ~~(~~JIS B0601:2001~~)~~, of ~~the profile curve is~~ not less than 1.5 and not more than ~~(~~10n – 11~~) for substantially any profile curve~~.

5. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, a ~~condition that~~ ratio ~~(~~L_r = L2/L1, wherein ~~) of a length (~~L2~~)~~ is length of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface and ~~to a length (~~L1~~)~~ is length of a straight line defined as an intersection of the base plane and the cross section, and wherein the ratio is $1.1 \leqq L_r \leqq 1.8$, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have an absolute value of skewness, according to ~~(~~JIS B0601:2001~~)~~, of ~~the profile curve is~~ not more than 1.2 ~~for substantially any cross section~~.

6. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface formed by a patterned layer comprising a material having a refractive index n,

wherein the rough surface has ~~satisfies~~, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, a ~~condition that~~ ratio ~~(L_r = L2/L1~~, wherein ~~) of a length (~~L2~~)~~ is length of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface and ~~to a length (~~L1~~)~~ is length of a straight line defined as an intersection of the base plane and the cross section, and wherein the ratio is ~~(~~$1.9 - 0.5n$~~)~~ $\leqq L_r \leqq 1.8$, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have an absolute value of skewness, according to (JIS B0601:2001,) of the profile curve is not more than (n – 0.4) for substantially any cross section.

7. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface, wherein the rough surface has satisfies, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, a condition that ratio (L_r = L2/L1, wherein) of a length (L2) is length of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface and to a length (L1) is length of a straight line defined as an intersection of the base plane and the cross section, and wherein the ratio is $1.1 \leqq L_r \leqq 1.8$, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have a kurtosis, according to (JIS B0601:2001) of the profile curve is not less than 1.0 and not more than 4.5 for substantially any cross section.

8. (Currently amended) A light control film having a rough surface formed by a patterned layer comprising a material having a refractive index n, wherein the rough surface has satisfies, for an arbitrary cross section perpendicular to a base plane of the film, a condition that ratio (L_r = L2/L1, wherein) of a length (L2) is length of a profile curve along the edge of the cross section contoured by the rough surface and to a length (L1) is length of a straight line defined as an intersection of the base plane and the cross section, and wherein the ratio is $(1.9 - 0.5n) \leqq L_r \leqq 1.8$, and

wherein substantially all profile curves have a kurtosis, according to (JIS B0601:2001,) of the profile curve is not less than 1.0 and not more than (10n – 11.5) for substantially any cross section.

9. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate and equipped with a light source directed toward for at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate end portion thereof and having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge end portion, and a light control film

according to claim 1 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

10. (Currently amended) The backlight unit according to claim 9, further comprising ~~wherein~~ a prism sheet ~~is used~~ between the light control film and the light guide plate.

11. (Previously presented) A backlight unit comprising a light source, a light diffusive plate provided on one side of the light source and a light control film according to claim 1 provided on the side of the light diffusive plate opposite to the light source side.

12. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate and ~~equipped with~~ a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one ~~end~~ edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 2 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

13. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate and ~~equipped with~~ a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 3 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

14. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate and ~~equipped with~~ a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film

according to claim 4 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

15. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate and ~~equipped with~~ a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 5 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

16. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate equipped with a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 6 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

17. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate equipped with a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof~~ and having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 7 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.

18. (Currently amended) A backlight unit comprising a light guide plate equipped with a light source directed toward ~~for~~ at least one edge of the light guide plate, the light guide plate ~~end portion thereof and~~ having a light emergent surface approximately perpendicular to the direction of the light source toward the at least one edge ~~end portion~~, and a light control film according to claim 8 provided on the light emergent surface of the light guide plate.